

#### PRESSURE REGULATORS AND HOW THEY WORK

## **FACTS**

Senninger manufactures several models of pressure regulators to meet various irrigation needs. These cover flows from 0.5 to 100 gpm and outlet pressures from 6 to 60 psi. Available in NPT, BSPT, and Hose thread connections.





## NORMAL PRESSURE VARIATIONS

Inlet pressure should be at least 5 psi above the pressure rating. For example: a 10 psi pressure regulator should have an inlet pressure of at least 15 psi.

100%

## **QUALITY**

Every Senninger pressure regulator is 100% pressure tested to ensure our world-class standard of quality and performance.

# 2-Years

#### **WARRANTY**

Senninger pressure regulators are backed with a two-year warranty on materials, workmanship, and performance.



#### **HISTORY**

Senninger introduced the first in-line pressure regulator to the irrigation industry in 1966.



#### SennREG App

For Android and Apple

Verify pressure regulator outlet pressure (psi/bar) based on your system's UP3 nozzle sizes and flow

(gpm/Ls). Convenient graph displays the condition of the tested regulator.





#### FLOW DIFFERENCE

- Typically, flow variations greater than 10% of calculated values are caused by partially plugged nozzles or a problem with pressure regulators.
- Like sprinklers, pressure regulators do not last forever. If you have concerns that your regulators are approaching their usable life, contact your irrigation equipment dealer to have your regulators tested.
- Investing in new pressure regulators is worth the investment when compared with the time and money lost in wasted input costs and potential yield loss.

# WHEN GOOD REGS GO BAD

## Factors that contribute to pressure regulator wear:

- Poor Water quality
- Unflushed chemicals in the system
- Suspended abrasive materials in the water
- Operating hours

## The most common signs of bad or faulty pressure regulators include:

- Leakage between the housings
- Noticeable differences in sprinkler performance
- Over-watered or under-watered areas in the crop.

#### FLOW VS. PRESSURE

- Pressure regulators control excessive and varying inlet pressures to a constant outlet pressure. Without regulators, sprinkler FLOW would vary.
- In addition to flow, when sprinklers operate outside the recommended pressure range, it affects droplet size, radius of throw, and distribution pattern.

PRESSURE CHANGE	DESIGN PRESSURE						
	6 psi (0.41 bar)	<b>10 psi</b> (0.69 bar)	<b>15 psi</b> (1.03 bar)	<b>20 psi</b> (1.38 bar)	30 psi (2.07 bar)	<b>40 psi</b> (2.76 bar)	<b>50 psi</b> (3.45 bar)
1 psi (0.69 bar)	16.7	10.0	6.7	5.0	3.3	2.5	2.0
2 psi (0.138 bar)	33.3	20.0	13.3	10.0	6.7	5.0	4.0
3 psi (0.207 bar)	50.0	30.0	20.0	15.0	10.0	7.5	6.0
4 psi (0.276 bar)	66.7	40.0	26.7	20.0	13.3	10.0	8.0
5 psi (0.345 bar)	83.3	50.0	33.3	25.0	16.7	12.5	10.0
6 psi (0.414 bar)	100.0	60.0	40.0	30.0	20.0	15.0	12.0
7 psi (0.483 bar)	N/A	70.0	46.7	35.0	23.3	17.5	14.0
8 psi (0.552 bar)	N/A	80.0	53.3	40.0	26.7	20.0	16.0
	Percentage of Pressure Variation (%)						

Pressure regulators are recommended if there is a 20% pressure variation. A 20% pressure variation equals a 10% flow variation.

The lower a system's operating pressure, the more critical it is to control pressure accurately.

#### POOR WATER DISTRIBUTION

Worn pressure regulators mean poor water distribution. These overwatered and under-watered areas impact yield. The number of acres affected is greater if they are located on the outer spans of the machine.

